

Poultry

Rules

1. Health Requirements – Requirements can change rapidly. Exhibitors will be contacted directly with any updates. Note: The Nebraska Department of Agriculture may do disease screening testing on poultry being exhibited. **If showing at State Fair, follow the website for updates.**
2. Number of Entries per Exhibitor – A 4-H member is limited to exhibiting two (2) entries per class. Pre-entry is required.
3. Display Cages – Exhibitors must provide their own display cages, watering devices, & feed bowls.
4. Poultry must be owned by the exhibitor.
5. Broiler is a young chicken of either sex, 6 – 8 weeks of age.
6. There is a Poultry Division at State Fair. Contact the Extension Office for more information or visit the website at [Nebraska 4-H: 2023 Fairbook \(unl.edu\)](http://nebraska4-h.org/2023-fairbook)
7. Exhibitors must wear the official Cherry County 4-H t-shirt during the show, along with jeans, and close-toe shoes. No hats, or headgear.
8. Breeds – To be eligible for breed exhibition, cockerel, pullet, cock, or hen poultry entries must be fair representatives of the breeds and must be listed in the American Poultry Association Standard of Perfection or the American Bantam Association Standard of Perfection.
9. Production Trio – A pen of egg production birds can be hybrids, crossbred, or purebred and shall consist of 3 sexually mature females. Egg-production females will be judged for production qualities only and need not necessarily conform to breed standards. Hens must be in egg production.
10. Rules for Bantam & Other Poultry – The rules for standard-size chickens apply equally to bantams and waterfowl, where applicable.
11. Care & Handling Practices – Poultry must be cared for by the 4-H member. The superintendents are not responsible for daily care (feed is provided).
12. Champion Award – Categories may vary year to year based on the number of entries. This will be at the discretion of the Small Animals Committee.

Eligibility

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) – Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual assurance training. In Cherry County, YQCA must be completed by the pre-fair entry deadline. This year's deadline is July 15th, 2024.

Scoresheets, Forms, and Contest Study Materials

Scoresheets, forms, contest study materials, and additional resources can be found at <http://go.unl.edu/ne4hpoultry>.

Divisions

Eggs

Class

G070015 – One (1) dozen white eggs

G070016 – One (1) dozen brown eggs

G070017 – One (1) dozen other colored eggs

Rules

1. Eggs will be judged on shape, color, and weight uniformity. Please do not refrigerate eggs prior to checking the eggs.
2. 4-Hers are limited to exhibiting one entry per class.

Poultry Breed: Bantam

Class

G070007 – Game Bantam (Modern and Old English)

G070008 – Single Comb Clean Legged (Plymouth Rock, Leghorn, Japanese, Rhode Island Red, Orpingtons, New Hampshire).

G070009 - Rose Comb Clean Legged (Rosecomb, Wyandotte, Sebright, Belgian Bearded D’Anver).

G070010 – All other Comb Clean Legged (Polish, Cornish, Houdan, Sumatra).

G070011 – Feather Legged Class (Silkie, Cochin, Brahma, Belgian Bearded D’Uccle, Langshan).

Poultry Breed: Large Fowl

Class

G070001 – American (Plymouth Rock, Jersey Giant, Wyandotte, New Hampshire Red, Rhode Island Red).

G070002 – Asiatic (Cochin, Brahmas, Langshan).

G070003 – English (Cornish, Orpington, Australorps, Sussex, Dorking)

G070004 - Mediterranean (Leghorn, Buttercup, Minorca).

G070005 – Continental (Polish, Hamburg, Campines, Faverolles, Houdan).

G070006 – All Other Breeds (Naked Neck, Game, Sumatra, Araucanas, Ameraucanas).

Production Fowl

Class

G070014 – Egg Production Trios (3 hens)

7011L – Production Breeding Pen (2 hens, 1 rooster of laying/breeding age. Can be a combination of different species) – **Not eligible for State Fair.**

Poultry Breed: Turkey

Class

G070018 – Turkey

7012L – Breeding Pen of 3 (One male and two females of breeding age) – **Not eligible for State Fair.**

Poultry Breed: Waterfowl

Class

G070012 – Ducks (All weight classes)

G070013 – Geese (All weight Classes)

7010L – Breeding Pen of 3 (one small male and two females of breeding age) – **Not eligible for State Fair.**

Clover Kid Entry – One entry per class of any of the classes above.

Class

708L – Broiler Individual – Not eligible for State Fair

709L – Broiler Pen of 3 – Not eligible for State Fair

Poultry Showmanship

Nebraska State Fair has lowered the age of eligibility to 8 for livestock shows.. Please refer to the [State Fair Book](#) for additional details.

Class

G07001L – Junior Showmanship (8 – 10 years old by January 1 of the current year)

G070018L – Intermediate Showmanship (11 – 13 years old by January 1 of the current year)

G070019L – Senior Showmanship (14 years and up by January 1 of the current year)

Rules

- 1. Showmanship Entry** – All 4-H Exhibitors are automatically registered but not required to show in Showmanship. Exhibitors must show their own animals and the animal must be entered and exhibited in a breeding or market class.
- 2. Basis for Judging** – Showmanship is based on the grooming and training of the bird and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and the merit of the bird. Showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the bird before the judge. The excellence of the bird is not considered in the scoring.
 - 1. Questions** – The judges may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine. A showmanship routine should be no longer than 5 minutes.
 - 2. Scoresheet** – Poultry Showmanship SF290

Resources

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Find out how to care for poultry; select breeding pens; learn to process chicken; learn about poultry breeds.

URL: https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/14